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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A TRANSPARENT, COMPREHENSIVE  
PERFORMANCE AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF CERTAIN OFFICES AND  
PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO INCREASE  
PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT.

1 WHEREAS, a performance audit of the Department of Public  
2 Safety (Department) was completed in 2017; however, that audit  
3 was limited in scope to only a review of the Department's  
4 special funds, revolving funds, trust funds, and trust accounts;  
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7 WHEREAS, no comprehensive performance or management audit  
8 of the Department's offices, policies, and programs has been  
9 performed in recent history; and  
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11 WHEREAS, state and local government offices have been  
12 subject to heightened scrutiny recently due to misconduct  
13 allegations; and  
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15 WHEREAS, it is in the State's best interests to  
16 periodically conduct audits of the Executive Departments to  
17 ensure adequate management is taking place and efficient  
18 operation of programs are transpiring; and  
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20 WHEREAS, a transparent, comprehensive performance audit can  
21 bolster a department's credibility and help improve the public's  
22 confidence in state government; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
25 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the  
26 Auditor is requested to conduct a transparent, comprehensive  
27 performance and management audit of certain offices and programs  
28 within the Department of Public Safety to help increase public  
29 confidence in government; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit at a minimum include  
32 the following offices:  
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34 (1) Office of the Director;



- (2) Civil Rights Compliance Office;
- (3) Personnel Management Office;
- (4) Fiscal Office; and
- (5) Mental Health Services of the Health Care Division;  
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit is requested to include but not be limited to a review of the following policies and practices:

- (1) Hiring, staffing, and supervisory policies and practices, including:
  - (A) Whether applicants and employees are adequately screened and qualified;
  - (B) Actual and perceived conflicts of interest and favoritism among and between employees and supervisors, including conflicts due to familial and personal relationships; and
  - (C) Employee morale;
- (2) Handling and disposition of internal complaints made and lawsuits filed by current or former employees;
- (3) Contracting and procurement policies and practices, including:
  - (A) Whether contractors and vendors are adequately screened and qualified;
  - (B) Compliance with state and federal laws; and
  - (C) Whether contracts were steered toward contractors and vendors due to familial and personal relationships; and



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(4) The ability of the Department to provide necessary mental health services to inmates and pre-trial detainees, including whether the Department is taking adequate steps to fill staffing vacancies related to the provision of mental health services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report on the performance and management audit, including the Auditor's findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Auditor, and Director of Public Safety.

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